

Robeco FinTech X GBP

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Patrick Lemmens, Michiel van Voorst CFA, Koos Burema
Fund manager since 17-11-2017

Index

MSCI All Country World Index (Net Return, GBP)

General facts

Type of fund	Equities
Currency	GBP
Total size of fund	GBP 414,717,631
Size of share class	GBP 12,535,409
Outstanding shares	151,028
1st quotation date	25-08-2020
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.82%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	-
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.
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Sustainability profile

- Exclusions
- ESG Integration
- Voting & Engagement

For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

Market development

Central banks keep on raising rates, while one after the other US bank is failing. Credit Suisse has been rescued and all around the world there are worries about Office CRE. As we get closer to a formal recession, the question is when will central banks stop hiking. For us that would be the time to move more into high-growth stocks with a reasonable valuation. Financial infrastructure has been a tough place to invest in April and YTD. Fears for poor results in banking technology enablers did not pan out, as Q1 results have been okay. In financial management we are seeing the rise of non-traditional players like Apple, Amazon and Google. The EU voted in large numbers in favor of the Markets in Crypto Assets (MiCA) legislation, which establishes rules for crypto-asset issuers and service providers, DeFi, and market abuse. Outside the US and Europe, we observe continuous regulatory developments. In our view, this implies that activity, capital and innovation will shift away from the US.

Expectation of fund manager

There has been a significant valuation reset. We still see solid growth potential across the fintech investment universe. Though there is a significantly larger focus on the ability to generate cash and profitability. Payments should continue to outgrow nominal GDP, especially digital payments, as e-commerce grows faster with continued higher adoption rates. Data analytics has been a growing part of the fintech investment universe. The (December 2022) announced deal between Microsoft and LSE Group underscores the importance of DA. Enhancing financial inclusion remains a very important raison d'être (reason for existence) for fintech. In addition, we notice increasing importance of B2B business models in especially international / cross-border payments as well as in digital assets applications focused on wholesale business models. After a tough start of the year, we believe that fintech offers great long-term growth opportunities at much lower valuation multiples.

Top 10 largest positions

The five largest positions in the fund are PayPal Holdings Inc., MercadoLibre Inc., London Stock Exchange Group PLC, S&P Global Inc. and Fiserv Inc.

Fund price

30-04-23	GBP	83.13
High Ytd (07-02-23)	GBP	93.19
Low Ytd (13-03-23)	GBP	79.59

Fees

Management fee	0.60%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.16%
Expected transaction costs	0.22%

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	Yes
Share class	X GBP

This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV

Registered in

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Currency policy

The fund can engage in currency hedging transactions. Typically currency hedging is not applied.

Risk management

Risk management is fully integrated into the investment process to ensure that positions always meet predefined guidelines.

Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute dividend. The fund retains any income that is earned, and so its entire performance is reflected in the price.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU2216803911
Bloomberg	ROFTXGA LX
WKN	A2QFSL
Valoren	56820386

Top 10 largest positions

Holdings

PayPal Holdings Inc
MercadoLibre Inc
London Stock Exchange Group PLC
S&P Global Inc
Fiserv Inc
Intercontinental Exchange Inc
NU Holdings Ltd/Cayman Islands
StoneCo Ltd
Tencent Holdings Ltd
Adyen NV
Total

Sector	%
Diversified Financial Services	4.02
Multiline Retail	3.81
Capital Markets	3.53
Capital Markets	3.31
Diversified Financial Services	3.29
Capital Markets	3.25
Banks	3.23
Diversified Financial Services	3.08
Interactive Media & Services	2.79
Diversified Financial Services	2.78
33.09	

Top 10/20/30 weights

TOP 10	33.09%
TOP 20	57.18%
TOP 30	74.34%

Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process through exclusions, ESG integration, engagement and voting. The fund does not invest in issuers that are in breach of international norms or where activities have been deemed detrimental to society following Robeco's exclusion policy. Financially material ESG factors are integrated in the bottom-up investment analysis to assess existing and potential ESG risks and opportunities. In the stock selection the fund limits exposure to elevated sustainability risks. In addition, where a stock issuer is flagged for breaching international standards in the ongoing monitoring, the issuer will become subject to engagement. Lastly, the fund makes use of shareholder rights and applies proxy voting in accordance with Robeco's proxy voting policy.

Asset Allocation

Asset allocation		
Equity		99.4%
Cash		0.6%

Sector allocation

The fund does not have a sector allocation policy. The fund invests in three different segments that benefit from the digitization of the financial sector, and focuses on the fintech long-term growth investment universe. It invests in three distinct segments, labelled as winners, challengers and enablers. Winners are well-established companies that clearly stand out from their peers. Challengers are younger, less-established companies that have the potential to become tomorrow's winners. Enablers are companies that help the financial industry to develop and implement technology.

Sector allocation		Deviation index	
Diversified Financial Services	<div><div></div></div> 29.7%	<div><div></div></div> 26.8%	
Capital Markets	<div><div></div></div> 24.0%	<div><div></div></div> 21.3%	
Software	<div><div></div></div> 14.7%	<div><div></div></div> 8.3%	
Professional Services	<div><div></div></div> 7.0%	<div><div></div></div> 6.1%	
Banks	<div><div></div></div> 6.1%	<div><div></div></div> -0.5%	
Consumer Finance	<div><div></div></div> 5.6%	<div><div></div></div> 5.2%	
IT Services	<div><div></div></div> 4.0%	<div><div></div></div> 2.7%	
Multiline Retail	<div><div></div></div> 3.8%	<div><div></div></div> 1.4%	
Interactive Media & Services	<div><div></div></div> 2.8%	<div><div></div></div> -0.8%	
Insurance	<div><div></div></div> 1.2%	<div><div></div></div> -2.0%	
Entertainment	<div><div></div></div> 1.0%	<div><div></div></div> -0.2%	
Other	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div> -68.1%	

Regional allocation

The fund currently has over 60% of its investments in the US, which is the dominant country for listed fintech equity investments, but over time we expect China, India and other emerging markets next to Europe to gain importance. We have defined a proprietary fintech universe with companies exposed to payments, distributed ledger technology, regtech, insurtech, personal finance, security, wealth management, electronic trading, big data, etc.

Regional allocation		Deviation index	
America	<div><div></div></div> 69.2%	<div><div></div></div>	4.8%
Europe	<div><div></div></div> 14.6%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.8%
Asia	<div><div></div></div> 14.1%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.7%
Middle East	<div><div></div></div> 2.0%	<div><div></div></div>	1.0%
Africa	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.4%

Currency allocation

The fund has no active currency positions.

Currency allocation		Deviation index	
U.S. Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 72.0%	<div><div></div></div>	11.2%
Euro	<div><div></div></div> 6.6%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.2%
Pound Sterling	<div><div></div></div> 5.2%	<div><div></div></div>	1.3%
Hong Kong Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 3.9%	<div><div></div></div>	0.6%
Japanese Yen	<div><div></div></div> 3.6%	<div><div></div></div>	-1.8%
Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	<div><div></div></div> 3.4%	<div><div></div></div>	2.8%
Indian Rupee	<div><div></div></div> 2.2%	<div><div></div></div>	0.7%
Kazakhstan Tenge	<div><div></div></div> 1.3%	<div><div></div></div>	1.3%
Singapore Dollar	<div><div></div></div> 0.9%	<div><div></div></div>	0.5%
Swedish Kroner	<div><div></div></div> 0.8%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.1%
Swiss Franc	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-2.6%
Danish Kroner	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-0.8%
Other	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%	<div><div></div></div>	-11.0%

Investment policy

Robeco FinTech is an actively managed fund that invests in stocks in developed and emerging countries. The selection of these stocks is based on fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to achieve a better return than the index. The fund promotes E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, integrates sustainability risks in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund applies sustainability indicators, including but not limited to, normative, activity-based and region-based exclusions, proxy voting and engagement. Proprietary valuation models are used to select stocks with good earnings prospects and a reasonable valuation and those companies which benefit from the increasing digitization of the financial sector are included. These are individually assessed on the basis of industry trend analysis, in-depth discussions with corporate management, analysts and industry experts. The majority of stocks selected will be components of the Benchmark, but stocks outside the Benchmark may be selected too. The investment policy is not constrained by a benchmark but the fund may use a benchmark for comparison purposes. The fund can deviate substantially from the issuer, country and sector weightings of the Benchmark. There are no restrictions on the deviation from the Benchmark. The Benchmark is a broad market weighted index that is not consistent with the ESG characteristics promoted by the fund.

Fund manager's CV

Patrick Lemmens is Lead Portfolio Manager within the Trends Equities team. He has a focus on financials/fintech. Prior to joining Robeco in 2008, he managed the ABN AMRO Financials fund from October 2003 to December 2007. Previously, he held the position of Analyst of Global Financials at ABN AMRO and was Global Sector Coordinator of the Financial Institutions Equities Group at ABN AMRO. Patrick Lemmens started his career in the investment industry in 1993. He holds a Master's in Business Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a Certified European Financial Analyst. Michiel van Voorst is Co-Portfolio Manager within the Trends Equities team. He has a focus on financials/fintech/next digital billion. In 2019, Michiel rejoined Robeco from Union Bancaire Privée in Hong Kong where he was CIO Asian Equities. Prior to that, Michiel spent 12 years at Robeco in several senior positions including senior portfolio manager Rolinco Global Growth fund and Robeco Asian Stars. Prior to joining Robeco in 2005, Michiel was Portfolio Manager US Equity at PGGM and Economist with Rabobank Netherlands. Michiel started his career in the investment industry in 1996. Michiel van Voorst holds a Master's in Economics from University of Utrecht and is a CFA® charterholder. Koos Burema is Co-Portfolio Manager within the Trends Equities team. He has a focus on financials/fintech. Koos was an Analyst with the Emerging Markets team covering Korea and technology in Taiwan and Mainland China. Besides this, he was responsible for the integration of ESG in the investment process. Before joining the team in January 2010, he worked as a Portfolio Manager for different sector teams within Robeco. He started his career in the industry in 2007. Koos holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Groningen and is a CFA® charterholder.

Fiscal product treatment

The fund is established in Luxembourg and is subject to the Luxembourg tax laws and regulations. The fund is not liable to pay any corporation, income, dividend or capital gains tax in Luxembourg. The fund is subject to an annual subscription tax ('tax d'abonnement') in Luxembourg, which amounts to 0.05% of the net asset value of the fund. This tax is included in the net asset value of the fund. The fund can in principle use the Luxembourg treaty network to partially recover any withholding tax on its income.

Fiscal treatment of investor

The fiscal consequences of investing in this fund depend on the investor's personal situation. For private investors in the Netherlands real interest and dividend income or capital gains received on their investments are not relevant for tax purposes. Each year investors pay income tax on the value of their net assets as at 1 January if and inasmuch as such net assets exceed the investor's tax-free allowance. Any amount invested in the fund forms part of the investor's net assets. Private investors who are resident outside the Netherlands will not be taxed in the Netherlands on their investments in the fund. However, such investors may be taxed in their country of residence on any income from an investment in this fund based on the applicable national fiscal laws. Other fiscal rules apply to legal entities or professional investors. We advise investors to consult their financial or tax adviser about the tax consequences of an investment in this fund in their specific circumstances before deciding to invest in the fund.

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